

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 11, and 21 are amended, and claims 4 and 14 are canceled herein. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 4 and 14 contain allowable subject matter. The Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of these Amendments and Remarks.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects the claims under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones, IV et al. ("Jones" - US Patent No. 6,657,950) in view of Johnson et al. ("Johnson" - US. Patent No. 5,909,463) alone or in combination with and Hsu et al. ("Hsu" - US. Patent No. 6,252,920). In response, Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite the features of original claim 4, indicated as containing allowable subject matter by the Examiner. Similarly, Applicant has amended claims 11 and 21 to recite the features of original claim 14, indicated as containing allowable subject matter by the Examiner. Claims 4 and 14 are canceled as a result of these amendments.

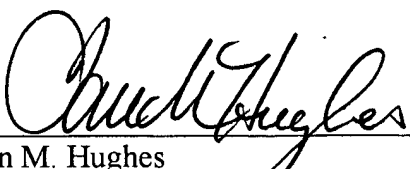
Since the Examiner stated that claims 4 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Applicant submits that amended claims 1, 11, and 21 are allowable. Since claims 2-3, 5-10, 12, 13, and 15-20 depend variously from claims 1 and 11, it is further submitted that those claims are also allowable.

In the event that the Examiner believes that this response does not place the application in condition for allowance, the Applicant requests a telephonic interview between the Examiner and the Applicant's attorney Ian Hughes to discuss this amendment. The Applicant requests that the Examiner call Mr. Hughes (215-557-6659) to arrange a convenient time for such an interview.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant believes that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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